

Submitting Entries for Projected Image Competitions

IMPORTANT: Those of you who wish to enter digital projected image competitions should please read and follow these instructions very carefully. This will ensure smooth projection of your images, displayed to best advantage.

Unless otherwise indicated, entries for projected image competitions must be digital projected image (DPI) files. Slides may be scanned to turn them into DPIs. We use a software program called ImageComp Pro (ICPro) for managing projected image competitions. This requires you to size your digital images for projection, save them as JPEG (.jpg) files, and to name them in a standard way. Your image files should be always saved in the **sRGB** colour space. This is important for colour consistency when projected because our projector operates in that colour space.

Each digital image should be sized to fit within the boundaries dictated by our club projector, which displays at **1400 pixels wide by 1050 pixels high** (always in landscape format and independent of the physical size on the screen). To do this sizing, using Photoshop Elements, click on **Image>Resize>Image Size**. This opens a window called Image Size. Make sure the boxes at the bottom left called **Resample Image** and **Constrain Proportions** are ticked. For portrait shaped images, set height to 1050 pixels. For landscape shaped images, set width to 1400 pixels and check height. If height exceeds 1050 pixels, reduce it to that value.

N.B. Don't bother about "Resolution" (pixels/inch). This is an instruction to printers and has no effect projected images, so it does not matter what value it is set as.

Click OK. Click on **File>Save as...** Choose where you want to save the image in the box called **Save in**. Set format as **JPEG**. Name your image exactly as in the following two examples:-

ONE GREEN TREE by Joe Blogs.jpg TOP BIRD by Frank Curtis FRPS.jpg
Unless you use capitals for the title and lower case for the word **by**, the program will not recognise your files, so naming in this way is essential. **Click on Save**. Finally, set Quality at Maximum (12). Procedures are very similar for full versions of Photoshop and probably for other editing packages. If you use **Save For Web**, it inserts hyphens between each word and ICPro will not recognise or accept that. You can of course rename the file without the hyphens, then it will be fine.

Digital images should be handed in on a cd or memory stick, along with the entry form, one week before the date of the competition. Alternatively, they can be e-mailed to Sally Botwright, Internal Competition Secretary, at sally.botwright@lineone.net, but please note this involves extra work for Sally and should only be used as a last resort.